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**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the City of Austin’s municipal animal shelter achieved a 90% live-release rate for impounded dogs and cats, and has achieved a 90% or higher live-release rate every year since 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin Animal Center works with several animal-welfare partners and rescue organizations, including Austin Pets Alive!, to achieve its No Kill policy; and

**WHEREAS**, implemented intake-diversion and intake-reduction policies have reduced the number of animals entering Austin’s shelter; and

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shelter having been designed prior to the City’s commitment to No Kill sheltering;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Austin’s No Kill animal-sheltering policy has been  
demonstrated to have resulted in substantial economic benefit to the Austin  
community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin has been recognized as the first “City of  
Distinction” award winner by the national animal-welfare organization Maddie’s  
Fund; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
AUSTIN:**

The City Council reaffirms its support for and commitment to Austin’s No  
Kill animal-sheltering policy and supports an Austin Animal Center goal of a 95%  
or greater live-release rate.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk